

However, the CFIUS did not conduct an investigation, as the plain language of the statute would demand.

I am pleased that, in a recent development, the administration has agreed to undertake a 45-day investigation as a result of discussions with DP World and congressional leadership. Perhaps its recommendation, once briefed to Congress, will allay concerns that have been raised. Perhaps the national security implications, apparent on the face of the deal, will be adequately addressed through a more rigorous process. Given the remaining uncertainties, however, I felt it was important to proceed with the introduction of this resolution, in conjunction with my colleague in the House, Congresswoman HARMAN.

The silver lining of recent events is that they have served to highlight the critical importance of port security to our Nation. Last November, Senator MURRAY and I introduced the GreenLane Maritime Cargo Security Act of 2005. This comprehensive legislation authorizes \$835 million annually for programs and initiatives to better secure our Nation's ports.

It would help build a coordinated approach to maritime and port security across all levels of government and with our overseas trading partners, improving our Nation's security as it expedites trade with those governments and businesses that join in this goal.

The bill addresses the problem of uncoordinated supply-chain security efforts, directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategic plan to enhance security for all modes of transportation by which containers arrive in, depart from, or move through seaports of the United States. The strategic plan also must include protocols for the resumption of trade in the case of an incident.

This legislation recognizes that America's ports, large and small, are our partners in keeping our Nation safe and our economy strong.

I seek my colleagues support both for this resolution and for the GreenLane bill.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce a correction for the information of the Senate and the public.

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Forest Service budget will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics (202-224-2878), Elizabeth Abrams (202-224-0537) or Sara Zecher (202-224-8276) of the Committee staff.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the infor-

mation of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been rescheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building will now be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 1, 2006, in the same room.

The purpose of the oversight hearing is to receive testimony regarding the state of the economies and fiscal affairs in the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Josh Johnson at 202-224-5861 or Steve Waskiewicz at 202-228-6195.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the goal of energy independence.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank J. Macchiarola 202-224-1219 or Shannon Ewan at 202-224-7555.

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the wishes to inform Members that the Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship will hold a public hearing to consider, "The Nomination of Eric Thorson to be the Inspector General of the Small Business Administration" on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 2 p.m., in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

The Chair urges every member to attend.

#### AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, February 27, 2006, at

2:30 p.m. for a briefing on the Dubai Ports World purchase of Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR STAR PRINT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2300 be star printed with the changes at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, February 28. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for up to an hour, with the first half under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the second half under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee. I further ask that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 2271, the PATRIOT Act amendments bill, and that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided, and that the time from 2:15 to 2:30 be equally divided as well.

I further ask consent that from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. the Senate stand in recess for the weekly policy luncheons, and that the live quorum under rule XXII be waived with respect to the 2:30 vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today the Senate resumed consideration of the PATRIOT Act amendments bill. At 2:30 tomorrow afternoon we will have a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. This will be the first vote of the week. Once cloture is invoked, we will proceed on Wednesday at 10 a.m. to the vote on the passage of that bill.

As a reminder to all of our colleagues, on Wednesday at 11 a.m., Prime Minister of Italy Berlusconi will address a joint meeting of Congress. Senators should plan their schedules accordingly.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:07 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.